

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tee Shirt Party!!	17	September	10am-1pm
Clothesline Project	1	October	11am-1pm
DV Rally at Thompson Center	3	October	12pm-1pm
La Noche del Arcoiris	25	October	6pm-9pm

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# Domestic Violence Awareness Project

October 2011

## Airing Out Chicago's Dirty Laundry

### Rainbow House Clothesline Project



On October 1<sup>st</sup>, at District 10 Chicago Police Department (3315 W. Ogden Ave.), Rainbow House will kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month with their very own Clothesline Project meant to "Air Out Chicago's Dirty Laundry." The Clothesline Project will serve as a visual display of tee-shirts made by survivors of domestic violence and hung side by side on a clothesline to bear witness to violence against women.

The purpose of the Project is to increase awareness of the impact of violence against women, to celebrate a woman's strength to survive and to provide another avenue for her to courageously break the silence that often surrounds her experience. With the help of survivors across the city, we will fill our clothesline and give survivors a voice so they can break through the shroud of silence that surrounds intimate violence.

### How to get involved:

The concept is simple - anyone who has, or knows someone who has, experienced intimate violence is encouraged to create a tee shirt and hang it up on our clothesline. You do not need to be an artist to create a shirt. Survivors, their families and friends are encouraged to create whatever expression of their experiences that they choose using paint, markers, embroidery, etc. Designers can use words, drawings, pictures, memorabilia, etc.

- You can drop off your completed shirt at the District 10 Police Department at 3315 W. Ogden Ave or Alderman Munoz' office at 2500 S. St. Louis.
- Many women prefer the additional support of making their shirt together with others. Join us on September 17th at District 10 Chicago Police Department (3315 W. Ogden Ave.) for a shirt making party!
- You can bring your completed shirt with you on October 1<sup>st</sup> and air out your dirty laundry with us.
- Make a shirt at the event. (However, supplies will be limited, so come early!)
- Donate clothes pins for survivors to display their shirts.

- Donate clean tee-shirts with no design on them for survivors to
- Volunteer to help Rainbow House on the day of the event.
- Let us know if you would like to participate in our event in a way that is not already mentioned!

## DV Education Project

Throughout the month of October, Rainbow House will be conducting an education project at selected locations to raise awareness in the community we serve. One of our experienced staff members will present to churches, elementary schools, community centers, etc. in the neighborhoods of Little Village, Pilsen, Back of the Yards, Cicero, Lawndale, and other locations throughout Chicago.

The schedule for the education project is being determined now and will be available in late September. If you would like a member of the Rainbow House staff to attend your community meeting and provide your organization with more information about domestic violence, please contact Melissa at [melissa\\_richardson@rainbow-house.org](mailto:melissa_richardson@rainbow-house.org).

## Community Visibility Project

One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Domestic violence is one of the most chronically underreported crimes. Only approximately one-quarter of all physical assaults, one-fifth of all rapes, and one-half of all stalking perpetuated against females by intimate partners are reported to the police. The statistics are staggering. With nowhere to turn for help, victims remain silent and afraid to come forward to tell their story.

As part of a community visibility project, Rainbow House will be canvassing the communities around us with literature, brochures, posters, and other materials to post in public places. The goal is to raise awareness of our services in the local community so victims living in silence can discreetly collect the information they need to get help when they are ready. This also allows friends and family members to pass along information to their loved ones that may also be afraid to leave abusive situations for fear of where to turn.

### How to get involved:

Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer!! We will be working hard all throughout October to make sure that resources are available and that the community knows we care and we are here to help! You can either canvass with a member of the Rainbow House staff or canvass with a friend and make a difference in the lives of Chicago's women. To coordinate volunteer times contact Kathleen Higgins at [Kathleen\\_higgins@rainbow-house.org](mailto:Kathleen_higgins@rainbow-house.org).



## La Noche del Arcoiris, October 25th



Rainbow House is making plans for the annual "La Noche del Arcoiris" event on October 25<sup>th</sup> 2011 from 6:00-9:00pm. Please join us and our Honorable guest, City Clerk Susana Mendoza for dinner, drinks, a performance by [Erasing the Distance](#), live mariachi music, access to the museum, which will be showcasing its Día de los Muertos exhibit, and the opportunity to learn more about the work that Rainbow House does.

The success of this event is credited largely to our family,

friends, colleagues, and sponsors, who lend their names and financial support to the event. The money we raise each year goes to help survivors of domestic violence achieve safety, stability, and health.

Individual tickets are on sale for \$50 per person and can be purchased online at our event site at <http://lanochedelarcoiris.eventbrite.com/>.

For more information about our annual fundraiser, La Noche del Arcoiris, contact Megan at 773-521-1815 or via email at [megan\\_dawson@rainbow-house.org](mailto:megan_dawson@rainbow-house.org)

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